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question is the adoption of AM0700 to AM0380 to LB 619. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:      35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Baker's amendment.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:      Amendment is adopted.      Next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:      Mr. President, Senator Beutler had AM0757. Senator, I have a note you wish to withdraw AM0757.

SENATOR BEUTLER:      Yes.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:      Amendment is withdrawn.      Next amendment.

CLEPK:      Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM0781. (Legislative Journal pages 818-821.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:      Chair would recognize Senator Beutler, to open on his amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER:      Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, this is an amendment that I hope you will very seriously consider. We are in a very large, the largest budget crisis that we have been in, in probably the lifetime of anybody in this Legislature. And in preserving money for the General Fund so that we can continue those programs that we all would like to see and not cut as deeply into those programs as we might have to, it's absolutely essential that, when it's fair for an industry to pay fees, that they pay those fees. And what I'm presenting to you right now is essentially LB 633, which is in the Natural Resources Committee, which is Senator Schrock's bill, which levies in total somewhere a little bit over \$200,000 in additional fees relating to the livestock waste facilities. And I want to make clear to you why I'm doing this, and for that reason I have passed out to you a sheet that is entitled "Livestock Waste Management funding." And you can see I've circled back in FY 99 and 2000, when this program was put into place and was fully going, it was cash (sic) funded 68 percent,